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On Thursday Lieut-General Lord Grenfell, GCB, GCMG, Commanding the 3rd Army Corps, inspected the barracks of the Depot RDF at Naas The General, who was accompanied by Brevet Major Sir G St Aubyn, ADC, and Lieutenant Seymour, MVO, Private Secretary, made a minute inspection of the buildings. He drove in a motor car from the Curragh, and was received by Major Bromilow. The troops on parade were thirty recruits for the line and fifty militia recruits, all under the command of Major Bromilow, in the absence of Colonel Cooper on leave. The other officers on the parade ground were Lieutenants Burra and Bradford, RDF. The men were drawn up in open order, and Lord Grenfell and his staff made close inspection of them. Sergt-Major Brumby conducted the General and his staff through the different buildings. The hospital was visited, and the cook-house, over which Corporal Moran presides, received a share of attention, the results being satisfactory in both cases. A squad of recruits under Sergeant-Instructor Kelly of the Gymnastic Staff, were next inspected, and the General expressed his opinion that the inspection was most satisfactory, and it may be mentioned that he took particular interest in the school where Sergeant Loveridge had his flock in order, and immediately overhead Sergeant Brennan had the Sergeants Mess in spick and span order, greatly to his own credit and to the satisfaction of the General.

Note: "Sir G St Aubyn" was Guy Stewart St. Aubyn who was a captain in the prestigious King's Royal Rifles. (The reporter incorrectly gave St. Aubyn a pre-nominal "Sir.") St. Aubyn's father-in-law, Pascoe du Pre Grenfell, was brother of the General Officer Commanding in Ireland, Francis Wallace Grenfell (1st Baron Grenfell). In 1859, Francis Grenfell purchased a commission in the King's Royal Rifles. CPT St. Aubyn's father, Edward St. Aubyn, a barrister and militia colonel, is a great-grandfather of the English novelist, Edward St. Aubyn (b.1960).

